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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. ROME GOES REDDISH

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN POST-WAR HISTORY, THE CHRISTIAN DEMO-
CRATS HAVE BECOME THE OPPOSITION IN THE ROME CITY GOVERN-
MENT. A COALITION OF THE COMMUNISTS, SOCIALISTS, AND
SOCIAL DEMOCRATS, WITH SUPPORT FROM THE REPUBLICANS, HAS
CHOSEN GIULIO CARLO ARGAN, A NOMINAL INDEPENDENT WHO RAN
ON THE PCI TICKET, AS MAYOR.

EMBASSY COMMENT: THE PCI SELECTION OF A RESPECTED ACADEMIC
WHO IS AT LEAST NOMINALLY AN INDEPENDENT WAS SHREWD IN MAK-
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ING THE DC'S LOSS OF THE ROME MAYORSHIP AT LEAST OPTICALLY
MORE ACCEPTABLE. BUT ROME DOES IN EFFECT HAVE A COMMUNIST
MAYOR. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) ROME 13005, 8/10.)

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2. KENYANS APPROACH PEACE WITH CAUTION

DESPITE THE KENYA-UGANDA MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND THE RETURN TO THEIR BARRACKS OF UGANDAN TROOPS STATIONED NEAR THE KENYAN BORDER, THE GOK REMAINS NERVOUS. KENYAN DEFENSE MINISTRY PERMANENT SECRETARY KIEREINI TOLD THE DCM AUGUST 10 THAT:

--KENYAN FORCES REMAIN ON A PARTIAL ALERT.

--PETROLEUM PRODUCTS ARE BEING DELIVERED TO UGANDA AT ONLY ABOUT 25 OF THE NORMAL RATE.

--THE SHIPMENT OF MUNITIONS WILL REMAIN BANNED UNTIL THE GOK HAS HAD 1-2 WEEKS TO REASSESS THE SITUATION. (SECRET) NAIROBI 8440, 8/10 AND (CONFIDENTIAL) NAIROBI 8377, 8/9.)

3. GUINEA: PARANOIA NOW INCLUDES THE US

IN THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF PUBLIC "CONFESSIONS," THE US HAS BEEN ACCUSED ALONG WITH FRANCE, THE FRG, THE IVORY COAST AND SENEGAL OF PARTICIPATING IN A CONSPIRACY TO OVER-THROW THE SEKOU TOURE REGIME. IN RESPONSE, AMBASSADOR HARROP SENT TOURE A PERSONAL NOTE EXPRESSING SURPRISE AT THE ABSURD CHARGES AGAINST THE US AND PARTICULARLY AT THE FACT THAT TOURE HAD SEEMED TO TREAT THE FANTASY SO SERI-OUSLY. (CONFIDENTIAL) CONAKRY 1597, 8/10.) ROBINSON

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